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Applicant : Veronique Bailly et al. Art Unit : 1644
Serial No. : 10/718,321 Examiner : Yunsoo Kim
Filed : November 20, 2003
Title : MOLECULES AND METHODS FOR INHIBITING SHEDDING OF KIM-1

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REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 26, 2005

In reply to the Final Office Action dated May 26, 2005, applicants submit the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 11, and 23-41 are pending in the application. Claims 2, 3, 8, 9, 24, 25, 27, 28, 31, 32, 35, 36, 39, and 40 are allowable. No amendments have been made by the present response.

35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph

On pages 2-3 of the Office Action, the Examiner finally rejected claims 1, 4-7, 11, 23, 26, 29, 30, 33, 34, 37, 38, and 41 as allegedly containing new matter. According to the Examiner, "[t]he specification does not provide direction for the above-mentioned range of 'or overlapping' the amino acid sequence as in SEQ ID NO:1 as they are currently recited." The Examiner requested that applicants either remove the phrase "or overlapping" from the claims or "clearly point out the written support for the instant limitations." As detailed below, and as discussed in the telephone conversation with the Examiner and the undersigned on June 13, 2005, the application as filed contains clear written description support for the claim language in question.

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